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Unique Minerals (UTU-075884) - bankruptcy, requirement to reclaim, etc

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To: Duane W Bays <dbays@blm.gov>

Hi Duane,

This is an issue that doesn't need to be dealt with immediately on our end. If you happen to know about this file without spending much time (I assume you have higher priorities), then I'd be happy to hear what you know has been (or will be) done on this one. Thanks.

I got a call last week from Larry McCurdy, who apparently was an officer of Unique Minerals Inc that had a permit with us for a relatively small slate quarry just adjacent to the currently-active Stone Cover quarry and near the Wheeler Amphitheater. We had sent Larry an overdue permit fees bill, and he called us. He said that they had also lost the right to mine at the site (see first attachment), and that there was a bankruptcy a while back (of which we have no record). His lawyer told him that his bankruptcy cleared him of any obligations associated with the company (my words), so Larry has been assuming, and still assumes, that he has no responsibility to reclaim the pit.

I don't see any bond information in our files. Does BLM hold a bond? The second attached 2008 correspondence indicates that it was never posted, and that reclamation is required. Next year it will be 10 years since the last reported activity, meaning we would typically require them to reclaim or to go before the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining for a permit extension.

We haven't received any notification of bankruptcy that made it to our e-files. Do you have a bankruptcy notice in yours? Once we discuss, I should note our files, and decide what to do on our end. Again, no rush.

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